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SEN. SCOTT RECEIVES FINAL PASSAGE ON LEAD POISONING PREVENTION LEGISLATION

(LANSING) – Senator Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) is pleased to announce that the Michigan Legislature has given final passage to her Senate Bill 753 (SB 753), a bill introduced as part of a package of bills supporting Governor Granholm’s lead poisoning prevention plan. SB 753 received final passage in the Senate today and will be sent to the Governor for her signature.

The bill, in conjunction with House Bill 5188 (HB 5118) introduced by Representative Chris Kolb (D-Ann Arbor), will establish a Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Commission housed within the Michigan Department of Community Health. The Commission will be responsible for studying the environmental hazards of lead poisoning to children’s health; reviewing the state’s lead poisoning prevention program; and making final recommendations for improvement to the program.

“Lead poisoning remains a very real threat to our young people, particularly our lower-income, minority children in urban areas,” Sen. Scott said. “We must take all steps necessary to protect the health and welfare of our most precious resources.”

The Commission will consist of nine voting members appointed by the Governor representing: the Department of Community Health; the Human Services Department; the Department of Environmental Quality; the Michigan State Housing Development Authority; the organization “Get the Lead Out!”; a local health department; certified lead-abatement contractors; and two members representing the general public.

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Senator Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.